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CLARKSVILLE ATTORNEY PUBLICLY CENSURED

Clarksville attorney, Rodger N. Bowman, was censured by the Board of Professional Responsibility on October 10, 2005 for neglecting to close an estate for approximately five (5) years with the result that his client had been held in contempt in the estate matter for not appearing to answer motions that had been reset multiple times with the consent and knowledge of Bowman. By his actions Bowman violated DR 1-102(A)(1)(5)(6); DR 6-101(A)(1)(2)(3) and DR 7-101(A)(1)(2)(3)(4) of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Rules 1.3; 1.4 and 8.4(a)(c)(d) of the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct. The Board censured Bowman on the condition that he enter into a monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, with any reported incidence of non-compliance constituting immediate grounds for summary suspension.

The imposition of this censure declares Bowman's actions to be improper ethical conduct, but does not limit his right to practice law.

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